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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 610, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to expungement of criminal records involving the offense of prostitution.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 610, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new 2 section, to be known as section 610.131, to read as follows:

610.131. 1. An individual who has pleaded guilty or has been convicted for the offense of prostitution under section 567.020 may apply to the court in which he or she pled guilty or was sentenced for an order to expunge from all official records all recordations of his or her arrest, plea, trial, or conviction.

- 2. If the court determines, after hearing, that such person was acting under the influence of an agent when committing the offense that resulted in a plea of guilty or conviction under section 567.020, the court shall enter an order of expungement.
- 10 3. Upon granting of the order of expungement, the records and 11 files maintained in any administrative or court proceeding in an associate or circuit division of the circuit court under this section shall 12 13 be confidential and only available to the parties or by order of the court for good cause shown. The effect of such order shall be to restore such person to the status he or she occupied prior to such arrest, plea, or conviction and as if such event had never taken place. No person as to whom such order has been entered shall be held thereafter under 17 18 any provision of any law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a 19 false statement by reason of his or her failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, plea, trial, conviction, or expungement in response to any inquiry made of him or her for any purpose whatsoever and no such

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22 inquiry shall be made for information relating to an expungement

23 under this section.

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